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Message from Miss Mary Cox

President, South Carolina Library Association 1945-46

As we look back over the past years of our Association, we are proud and happy of its achievements and we realize that our dream of adequate library service for South Carolina is nearer fulfillment. During the past we have witnessed a growth in interest and enthusiasm in our Association.

As we look to the new year, we have a new opportunity for a great year. From the national outlook we have Mr. Howard, the Washington representative, to be on the alert for information and materials which will help libraries over the nation. In the state we have our field representative who is doing all to place our libraries to the front so that we will have more and better libraries.

We are at the beginning of a new era with new problems and directions. Readjustments are necessary in every line—business, education, libraries and even families. It will take vision and courage to meet the needs of the new day.

With hard work and good planning we can make this another great year. May we press on to our goal of adequate personnel, adequate funds and adequate service.

Mrs. A. M. Wylie State Coordinator for A.L.A. Program for Action

On December 30, 1945 representatives of 30 state library associations and state agencies met in Chicago to discuss the Program for Action of the A.L.A. Federal Relations Office and the establishment of state committees to publicize and support this program. A plan for the organization of these committees was presented and adopted.

Consequently, at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the S. C. Library Association on January 19th plans for the establishment of the state committee were made. Mrs. A. M. Wylie, Jr. (Ida Belle Entekin) of Chester was the unanimous choice for coordinator for the South Carolina Committee. The Executive Committee feels fortunate in securing Mrs. Wylie's acceptance.

Mrs. Wylie is known and admired throughout the state for her achievements while first state supervisor of the W.P.A. Library Project. Her first library position in the state was with the Greenville Public Library. She left South Carolina to become librarian of the T.V.A. Regional Library with headquarters at Murphy, N. C.

The state committee is to consist of four people: A coordinator to be appointed by the state library association to serve as chairman, a publicity manager to be appointed by the coordinator, the president of the state library association (Mary Cox) and the director of the state library extension agency (Nancy Blair).

The name of the publicity manager will be announced soon.

The purpose of this committee is to create general public awareness of aspects of library service which may be affected by federal legislation or regulation, and of needs which can be met in whole or in part by federal action; to enlist the support of groups or individuals whose informed opinion is valuable to libraries, or who may be in a position to introduce proposals helpful to the A.L.A. and to libraries.

At the present time the Program for Action of the Federal Relations Committee emphasizes the following items:

1. Disposal of surplus property to educational agencies including libraries with such priorities and special price concessions as are specifically provided for in the Surplus Property Act (Public Law 457).
2. Transfer of surplus Army and Navy library books (if there is any surplus) to the states for use primarily in extending library service to the rural areas.
3. Recognition by government of the essentiality of library materials and service in any research program.
4. Inclusion of library employees in Federal Social Security.
5. Adequate provision for libraries in any public works proposals which may be advanced.
6. Maintenance of low postal rates on books shipped to or by libraries.
7. Federal aid for demonstrations of public library service as a first step toward Federal assistance in the establishment, maintenance, improvement and equalization of library service for all of the population.
8. An improved program of Document distribution which will recognize libraries as primary outlets for the dissemination of information and as the best repositories for reference and research materials.

Public Library Service Demonstration Act

Item 7 includes the Public Library Service Demonstration Act, which will probably be presented soon in Congress. The purpose of this bill is to aid the states in demonstrating Public Library Service to those people now without it or with inadequate service, and to provide a means by which the values of public library service may be studied and any resulting conclusions reported to the nation. It provides for an appropriation of \$25,000 per year for four years to each state. In addition, any state may plan an expanded program through which the State Library Agency would provide a sum ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year for four years to be matched by the federal government.

Funds available under the provisions of this Bill would be administered by the state library agency. A plan for the establishment and maintenance of the demonstration library would be presented to the Commissioner of Edu-

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cation, who would have no control over the type of plan submitted or the methods adopted to establish such demonstrations.

The Educational Plant Facilities Bill

The Program for Action also calls for support of the Educational Plant Facilities Bill. This Bill provides for surveys of the need for public educational plant facilities, for the preparation of drawings and specifications for such facilities, and for their construction and acquisition. Public educational plant facilities are defined as the land, buildings, equipment, and furniture of tax-supported public educational institutions, including preelementary schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, vocational schools, junior colleges, colleges, universities, and public libraries. The bill calls for the expenditure of \$1,545,000,000. It was estimated that \$400,000,000 would be required for library building.

Result of Library Development Fund

South Carolinians who contribute to the Library Development Fund will be interested to know that their support is helping to make possible this coordinated support of library measures.

A Valued Service

The following editorial from the Greenville *Piedmont* is a fitting tribute to Miss Annie S. Porter, who has been connected with the Greenville Public Library since its organization and who has been one of the factors in its development to one of the outstanding library systems in the state:

"Miss Annie Porter's resignation as head of the Greenville Library's county department culminates a long period of fine service to the library system.

"During most of her 24 years connection with the institution she has been engaged in making good books and educational materials available to county residents living outside the city.

"This work has not been spectacular. Miss Porter has gone about her duties quietly and efficiently with the result that school children and adults alike all over the county now have access to the Library's books and other facilities.

"She has been the instrument through which the Library system has been able to reach the rural and town schools as well as the people who live in remote sections of the county.

"Miss Porter has done her work in a way which makes her service appreciated by all.

"It is gratifying to know that although she has resigned as head of her department, her counsel and advice will continue to be available as capable Miss Mary Cox takes over leadership in this work."

Officers of S. C. Library Association

At the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the South Carolina Library Association, November 9-10, 1945, the following officers for 1945-46 were elected: President, Miss Mary Cox, Greenville Public Library, Greenville; Vice-President, Dr. Frances Lander Spain, Winthrop College Library, Rock Hill; Secretary, Miss Roberta McKinnon, Richland County Library, Columbia; Treasurer, Miss Carrie Moore, Anderson Junior High School Library. Miss McKinnon has since found it necessary to resign and Miss Nancy C. Blair, State Library Board, is serving as acting secretary at the request of the Executive Committee.

In addition to the officers, the Executive Committee includes the following members-at-large: Miss Ellen Perry, Greenville Public Library, Greenville; A.L.A. Councilor; Miss Emily Sanders, Charleston Free Library, Charleston and Miss Helen Hagan, Coker College, Hartsville.

Second Library Planning Conference

The second Library Planning Conference, sponsored by the Library Committee of the Southern Association and financed by the General Education Board, was held in Atlanta, Ga., October 18-23, 1945. Representatives from the eleven states in the Southern Association area were present. The primary purpose of this conference was to revise the Southern Association standards for high school libraries and for training school librarians. The standards were revised and will be presented to the Association at its next meeting.

The conference adopted the following recommendations:

1. That a follow-up conference be held in the spring of 1946 on the campus of a centrally located accredited library school in the South, for the purpose of refining the school library training program and correlating it with the library training program for college and public librarians.

2. That the General Education Board be petitioned to appropriate \$5,500 per year for a period of three years to provide five \$100 scholarships in each of the eleven Southern states to aid in securing additional acceptable personnel for school library service. The scholarships would enable the recipients to enroll in the summer of 1946 in Southern Association accredited library schools to begin an eighteen semester-hour program of library science.

3. That the four Southern states now without school library supervisors—South Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky and Texas—be encouraged to request assistance from the General Education Board in establishing programs of state school library supervision.

4. That a two day conference of Negro school library leaders in the South be held under the sponsorship of the Library Committee of the Southern Association. The purpose of this conference would be to develop a

plan for extending Negro school library service in the Southern states.

5. That the scope of the Library Committee of the Southern Association be enlarged to serve for the Commission on Higher Institutions, as well as the Commission on Secondary Schools.

6. That the Southern Association be requested to approve the revised standards for high school libraries and school library training agencies to become effective as early as possible.

7. That in the future the Southern Association Library Committee call meetings similar to the May and October 1945 meetings whenever it is deemed necessary, since these meetings have stimulated the public school library program in the South.

8. That a library degree received at the end of a fifth year of college training (based on a bachelor's degree) be recognized as equivalent to a master's degree in salary schedules.

9. That a work conference of one to two weeks duration on in-service education for librarians and others concerned with materials and their use be held as soon as possible.

10. That provisions be made for including in the pre-service program for administrators and teachers orientation in the understanding of school library service as part of a good school program, and preparation in the evaluation, selection, and utilization of library materials for pupil use.

11. That the manufacture of films on librarianship as a profession by commercial firms be encouraged.

Dr. Frances Lander Spain, Librarian
Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

A.L.A. Membership

Are you a member of the American Library Association? If not, then start the New Year right by sending in your membership.

New membership or renewals may be sent to the American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill., or to one of the South Carolina representatives on the membership committee: Miss Emily Sanders, Charleston Free Library, or Miss Mary E. Snyder, School Librarian, Ninety Six, S. C.

The scale for dues is:

For librarians whose salary is	Dues
under \$1,201 annually	\$2.00
\$1,201-\$1,500 annually	3.00
\$1,501-\$2,100 annually	4.00
\$2,101-\$3,000 annually	5.00
\$3,001-\$4,000 annually	6.00
\$4,001-\$5,000 annually	8.00
\$5,001 and over	10.00

For trustee members the annual dues are \$3.00.

Miss Emily Sanders, Librarian
Charleston Free Library,
Charleston, S. C.

College and University Libraries

Dr. Frances Lander Spain, Correspondent

Clemson College

Miss Cornelia Graham, Librarian of the Clemson College Library, reports that, on the recommendation of Dr. R. F. Poole, President of Clemson, the Faculty Library

Committee began a survey of the library in March 1945.

The purpose of the survey is to make an analysis of the library in order to ascertain immediate and future needs. Subjects being studied by the Committee are: curriculum of the college, the student body, the building, the administration of the library, the book and periodical collections and the use of the library.

An outstanding leader in the library field will visit the library and advise with the Committee as to recommendations before a final report is made to the President.

Presbyterian College

Miss Marian Burts, who became librarian of the Presbyterian College on August 13, 1945, says that a unique feature of the collection there is a collection of more than a thousand music records, which are catalogued and loaned to patrons on the same basis as books. The library also has a very valuable Caroliniana section, including many old and rare items collected and contributed by Captain Ellison A. Smyth and Dr. Dudley Jones. Of special interest to patrons and friends of the college is the library of the founder, Dr. William Plumer Jacobs. This collection is housed in a special room in the library.

Presbyterian College Library serves the people of Clinton, to a large extent, as well as the students of the college.

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Dr. John Van Male, Librarian of the University of South Carolina, who has been appointed editor for the South Carolina Section of **College and Research Libraries**, has made available the following items:

Benedict College

Mrs. Mae S. Johnson, librarian of Benedict College, is interested in collecting South Caroliniana and any suggestions or assistance in obtaining such material will be appreciated.

Lander College

Miss Eva Bowden, Lander librarian, writes that fluorescent lighting has been installed in the library and that future improvements include venetian blinds and having the floor leveled.

Limestone College

In connection with the Limestone Centennial Commemoration on November 6, 1945, the library was given, by several alumnae, a collection of several hundred documentary items connected with the history of the college. Many of these items, letters, diplomas, textbooks, pictures, etc., date back to the 1840's and 1850's. The collection will be kept in the Alumnae Room in the library. Mr. E. D. Johnson is librarian of Limestone.

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Professor John Schmidt, librarian of the Lutheran Seminary, reports:

"Recently Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Monroe of Hickory, N. C., established a 'Carl H. Monroe Memorial Fund' for the purchase of books for our library. An initial gift of \$1,000.00 has been made and the total will reach at least \$5,000.00. Dr. Monroe is the president of Lenoir Rhyne College from which many of our students have graduated."

University of South Carolina

The University of South Carolina Library expects to complete the reclassification of its books from Cutter to Dewey in three years. The General Education Board has given the University for this project \$6,000 outright and \$30,000 on a matching basis.

School Libraries

Carrie Moore, Correspondent

In connection with the 24th annual meeting of the S. C. Library Association, 20 librarians attended an informal breakfast meeting of the School Libraries Section.

Dr. Frances Lander Spain led a discussion on the need of the school library, the basis for measuring efficiency of the school library and the aims for the year. It was agreed that one need of the school library was the support of the community in addition to the support of the teachers and school officials.

Some of the points to be considered in measuring the efficiency of the school library were brought out in the discussion. They were: Does it function as a service agency for the entire school? Does it play a major role in the reading program of the school? Is it an important factor in your guidance program? Does it function as a valuable aid in the improvement of teaching? Does it have competent, well-trained personnel who can breathe life into a room provided with lifeless things and who can give abundantly of that life to all who enter?

The following aims for the year were discussed:

1. Strengthen school libraries.
2. Support Library Development Fund.
3. Create an understanding of the school library's place in furthering the educational program of the school.
4. Take part in educational programs.
5. In courses of Education define the place of the library in teaching.
6. Employ trained librarians.
7. Have in-service training for untrained librarians.
8. Recruit young people for library training.
9. Keep the library from being a study hall.
10. Talk in teachers' meetings.
11. Talk at State Board Meetings.
12. Work through County Education Association.
13. Work for High School Library Supervisor.
14. Emphasize elementary school library.
15. Work for state aid.

Miss Cordia Mullinax, Librarian of Parker High School, Greenville, S. C., who is a representative of the School Libraries Section of the American Library Association, brought a message from that group. She suggested that a good way to strengthen school libraries was for each school librarian to become a member of the American Library Association in addition to the State Association.

We wish to urge all school librarians to contribute news items for the South Carolina Library Bulletin.

Library System for Elementary Schools in Cooper River School District

The eight elementary schools comprising the Cooper River School District in Charleston County received all their library books from the Charleston County Free Library until the last few years. The district of which Mr. Gordon H. Garrett is principal and Mr. H. P. Goodwin is assistant principal, has appropriated 50c per pupil for books and periodicals for this year. This fund will provide approximately 5,000 books of all types. Mrs. Martha B. Koopman, head of the county department of the Charleston Free Library, prepared the book orders and is supervising the organization of the libraries. She devotes

her free day from the Charleston Free Library to this work.

At the beginning of the school year, each school received an allotment of books, which will be changed several times during the year. Inter-library loans will be arranged when the need arises so that every school will have access to the entire bookstock.

To increase the library facilities, the Charleston Free Library, of which Miss Emily Sanders is librarian, will continue to lend books to supplement those owned by the school district.

Material other than books is also included in the library system. Film strips and kodachrome slides with portable screens and projectors for classroom use are available. Subscriptions to 27 magazines, including technical, dramatic and geographic periodicals, have been provided for each school.

The Cooper River District also includes two High Schools which have libraries under the full-time supervision of trained librarians.

The staff of the libraries is as follows:

High Schools:

Chicora High School—Miss Naomi Derrick.

North Charleston High School—Mrs. Eugenia Smith.

Elementary Schools:

Ben Tillman—Mrs. Louise Windham.

Liberty Homes—Mrs. Christine Humphries.

North Charleston Graded—Mrs. Alice Anderson.

Chicora—Mrs. Addie Thornley.

Midland Park—Mrs. F. W. Koester.

Rosemont—Mrs. Lona Bivings.

Dorchester Terrace—Mrs. M. D. Kerby.

Personals

MISS EVA BOWDEN is librarian of Lander College, Greenwood, S. C.

MISS MARIAN BURTS, a Peabody graduate and formerly librarian at North Greenville Junior College, is librarian at Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C.

MR. J. ISAAC COPELAND, past president of the S. C. Library Association and an active participant in matters affecting libraries while he was librarian at Furman University and Presbyterian College, is studying at the University of North Carolina.

MISS MARY COX (Columbia '38), formerly librarian of the Greenwood City and County Library and the Cherokee County Library and newly elected president of the S. C. Library Association, has been promoted from assistant to head of the County Department of the Greenville Public Library.

MISS ANNIE PORTER, a pioneer in the extension of library service to rural people in South Carolina, has recently resigned as head of the County Department of the Greenville Public Library. She will continue as consultant and assistant to Miss Mary Cox. Miss Porter is one of the past presidents of the S. C. Library Association.

MRS. NANCY CHILDS WALKER is head of the City School Department of the Richland County Library.

MRS. MOFFAT WYLIE (Mickey Bowman) is assistant in the County Department of the Richland County Library.